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Chief, Task Force 1

Chief of Section, JMWAVE  
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Debriefing of Miguel Angel PELLANA, alias, "EL PELLA"

ACTION REQUIRED: None; FYI

1. Subject was received from SAC on 3 September 1967 and taken to a safe site where he was debriefed for information. The purpose of the debriefing was to ascertain the Subject's activities in Cuba and determining if he had any relationship with the C-2 or any other security organization.

2. During the course of the debriefing the Subject appeared to be willing to cooperate and there were no indications of an attempt of deception. However, it is believed that the subject is a sharp operator, an opportunist and an individual motivates by his wife. He is very verbose, loud and attempts to hold the floor at all times.

3. PELLANA claims that he had no relationship with the Cuban C-2, that he knew Fausto VALDÉS, Chief of the C-2, and Manuel FERNANDEZ, Deputy Chief of the C-2, but that he never conducted any business with them. He stated that he knew many C-2 agents by sight but never knew their names. He is of the opinion that all members of the C-2 are Communists and individuals of very low caliber.

4. Subject was granted asylum in the Uruguayan Embassy on 06/08 April 1962, which was obtained through the efforts of [Fernando GODOY GUTIÉRREZ, leader of the Cerveceros Union] who knew the Uruguayan Ambassador. According to Subject he had to seek asylum in the Uruguayan Embassy because he was in danger of being picked up by the Cuban Security Services. He claims that in May or June 1961 he was engaged in the transportation of material and personnel from Havana to the "Segundo Frente" in the Locateyay Mountain, in the Province of Santa Clara. At that time he was cooperating with Captain (Pn) SALAS, like BALVASIDA, "unito, politico," [Coy. 06 GUTIÉRREZ Morón, like Pn] like Captain Ramón GUTIÉRREZ [Ramón PARALEJO]. According to Subject, an individual named [Fernando] was arrested in March 1962 and during the course of his interrogation

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by the Security Service. "Fidelito" denied any association with the subject. In view of this, no further investigation was made.

3. SUBJECT admitted that during the last two months he engaged in negotiations for the purchase of arms and equipment for his revolution. That during the month of September, 1961, he was in Los Angeles, California where he traveled under the name of purchasing arms from John F. WEAVER. He said he had no contacts in Los Angeles. He said that he did not purchase the arms from WEATHER but that he did make arrangements for the weapons. Elements to confirm these arms from WEATHER. It is believed that the subject may have engaged in other criminal activities which he did not mention. This description is based on the information he provided in the attached Personal History, detailing regarding his travel and the short, temporary jobs he held in the past.

4. Subject also admitted that he was arrested on 26 April 1961 by the DSI because of his connection with a group engaged in the purchase and sale of arms, supplies to the Cuban Army. According to Subject he was a Major General of anti-Revolutionary who was engaged in the purchase of 1000 rifles which he endeavored to take out of the country. One of Fidel's associates, Vicente Benito "MEL" Hernandez and his associates, were arrested by the Security Services. Allegedly, MEL and RODRIGUEZ informed the Security Services that the Subject knew the whereabouts of RAMOS. Subject was arrested and asked to provide the address of RAMOS. Subject stated that he knew RAMOS and after being held for four days he was held out by MEL and RODRIGUEZ, who were released a few days before the release of Subject.

5. Subject denies any association with the Communist Party, C-2 or any other Security Service. He claims to be a true Communist and is willing to do anything in his power to combat Fascism and liberate Cuba. Subject has an interest in USSR interest and was returned to USA for interrogation. The USSR does not contemplate any future contact with the

6. JMWAVE traces reflect the following information on some of the individuals mentioned in this dispatch:

a. Eloy GUTIERREZ - Possibly "Continuation" Subject of RUL-263349, released 23 July 1961, and 22 August 1961; [REDACTED] 1 September 1961; and RUL-5524, 20 December 1961.

b. Aurelio SILVA - Possibly identical with Aurelio SILVA, former member of Cuban National Police, RUL-11487, 19 June 1961.

c. Domingo MEDINA - Possibly identified with Domingo MEDINA mentioned in RUL-63284, 18 September 1961.

d. General Genovevo FIERRE Davera - Possibly identical with Genovevo FIERRE Davera, one-time member of staff of the Cuban Army. See RUL-5524, 20 December 1961.

There are no identifiable traces on all other individuals mentioned in this dispatch.

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